

## **The Bodger Floral Flag June 2002**

The floral flag, composed of red, white and blue larkspur flowers, was planted by Bodger Seeds LTD., as a patriotic salute to the tragedy of September 11. The flag has not been replanted since the 2002 version. Howard Bodger and his son, Jack, created and supervised the project. The formal dedication of the flag was held June 14, 2002 (Flag Day, USA)

The original version of the flag was planted in 1942 by Chuck Bodger to salute the men and women fighting World War II around the world. The flag was planted twice again in the forties and also in 1952. The 2002 flag was a salute to the victims of the September 11 tragedy.

### Particulars:

- A. Size: 6.65 acres. Thought to be the largest flag in the world.
- B. 740 feet long x 390 feet wide
- C. Stripes at 30 feet wide
- D. Stars are approximately 24 feet
- E. Approximately 165,000 Carmine King (Red Larkspur)
- F. Approximately 165,000 White Spire (White Larkspur)
- G. Approximately 67,000 Blue Spire (Blue Larkspur)
- H. Total Giant Imerial Larkspur used: 417,000
- I. Approximate cost absorbed by Bodger Seeds, LTD.: \$65,000

Bodger Seed Company was in business in the Lompoc Valley since 1920. In 2009, the company was sold to a German firm and operations were ceased in Lompoc and scattered around the world. Lompoc still has numerous flower fields that bloom in the spring and summer, but it's unlikely we will ever have another floral flag planted in our valley.

